

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A livestock brushing device for brushing livestock, comprising:

an oblong livestock brush that can be set in motion by a driving means, said oblong livestock brush having a shaft and brush hairs projecting substantially radially therefrom when the oblong livestock brush is not being driven by the driving means; and

a carrying means for carrying the livestock brush, the carrying means including:

at least one flexible element,

whereby in the absence of a force acting externally upon it, the livestock brush has a substantially vertical orientation for brushing external sides of an animal, and

wherein the at least one flexible element of the carrying means, through a force acting externally thereupon, permits a swiveling of the livestock brush to a substantially horizontal orientation of said livestock brush for reaching higher-up external surfaces of the animal.

2. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is oblong.

3. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is substantially tubular.

4. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element is a leaf spring or coil spring.

5. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the driving means is rigidly connected to the brush.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the driving means is designed for rotating the livestock brush about its longitudinal axis.

8. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the driving means is designed for moving the livestock brush substantially in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the brush.

9. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, further comprising drip-feeding means for drip-feeding a treatment agent from a place situated above the brush onto the livestock brush.

10. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein said flexible element comprises one or more universal couplings.

11. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the oblong livestock brush of the brushing device consists of a single livestock brush.

12. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the at least one flexible element extends along at least one side of the driving means and is fixed directly to a rigid, non-movable structure.

13. (Currently Amended) A livestock brushing device for brushing livestock, comprising:

driving means;

an oblong livestock brush that can be set in motion ~~by a~~ by the driving means; and

a carrying means for carrying the livestock brush and the driving means, the carrying means including:

a rigid frame and at least one flexible element, said at least one flexible element being fixed at one end directly to a rigid, non-movable structure and being connected at an opposite end to a rigid frame, said driving means having a lower end directly mounted on said rigid frame,

whereby in the absence of a force acting externally upon it, the livestock brush ~~has a~~ has the substantially vertical orientation for brushing external sides of an ~~animal, and animal,~~

wherein the at least one flexible element of the carrying means, through a force acting externally thereupon, permits a swiveling of the livestock brush to a substantially horizontal orientation of said livestock brush for reaching higher-up external surfaces of the animal.

14. (Currently Amended) The livestock brushing device according to claim 13, wherein the oblong livestock brush of the brushing device consists of a single livestock brush.

15. (Currently Amended) A livestock brushing device for brushing livestock, comprising:

a driving means;

an oblong livestock brush that can be set in motion ~~by a~~ by the driving means; and

a carrying means for carrying the livestock brush, the carrying means including:

at least one flexible element,

whereby in the absence of a force acting externally upon it, the livestock brush has a substantially vertical orientation for brushing external sides of an animal,

wherein the at least one flexible element of the carrying means, through a force acting externally thereupon, permits a swiveling of the livestock brush to a substantially horizontal orientation of said livestock brush for reaching higher-up external surfaces of the animal,

wherein one end of the driving means faces the livestock brush and an opposite end of the livestock brush is exposed, and

wherein the oblong livestock brush of the brushing device consists of a single livestock brush.

16. (New) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the brush hairs project substantially radially from the livestock brush such that a diameter of the livestock brush is substantially equal to one-half meter (.5m) regardless of the orientation of the livestock brush.

17. (New) The livestock brushing device according to claim 1, wherein the carrying means also includes a rigid frame,

and an end of the driving means facing the livestock brush is rigidly connected to the rigid frame.

18. (New) The livestock brushing device according to claim 13, wherein the at least one flexible element extends along at least one side of the driving means.

19. (New) The livestock brushing device according to claim 13, and an end of said driving means opposite to the livestock brush is exposed.

20. (New) The livestock brushing device according to claim 15, wherein the at least one flexible element includes a rigid frame, and

wherein one end of the driving means is fixed to the rigid frame.

21. (New) The livestock brushing device according to claim 15, wherein the brush and the driving means are coaxially arranged with respect to each other, and the livestock brush and the driving means swivel together when acted upon externally by the force.